

VIRGINIA STATE BAR

Law Student Writing Competitions

The sections of the Virginia State Bar offer several exciting opportunities for Virginia law students to earn monetary prizes through annual and semi-annual writing competitions. The competitions listed on this flier are detailed in depth on each of the sections' individual websites. Submissions are solicited on their websites. General inquiries can be sent to vsbsections@vsb.org.

Bankruptcy Law

Bankruptcy Law Section \$1,500 prize

Promoting interest in the field of bankruptcy law and encouraging law students to consider careers in this practice area. The competition is open to all 2nd year and 3rd year law students who attend a law school in Virginia. Students should submit a paper on a current issue of bankruptcy law, jurisdiction, or litigation, either in the consumer or business arena. Deadline announced annually on the section's website.

<https://bit.ly/BKWritingComp>

The Corporate Counsel Award

Corporate Counsel Section \$3,000 prize

Open to a graduating law student who intends to work as an in-house corporate counsel and to sit for the Virginia Bar Exam. A winner will be judged solely on the basis of a 300 word or less essay that answers the following question: "Presuming you have landed your ideal in-house corporate legal job, how do you now improve the practice of law in Virginia?" Deadlines announced semi-annually on the section's website.

<https://bit.ly/CCWritingComp>

Environmental Law Fellowship

Environmental Law Section \$2,000 prize

The section will award a fellowship to an outstanding first or second-year law student who has committed to working full-time for a minimum of 10 weeks at a public interest environmental practice during the upcoming summer, or divide the fellowship between two students working full-time for a minimum of 5 weeks each. Deadline announced annually on the section's website.

<https://bit.ly/ENWritingComp>

Family Law

Family Law Section \$1,000 prize

The VSB Family Law Section and the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers will accept submissions from second and third year law students attending Virginia and Washington, D.C., law schools. Entry topics can be on any aspect of Virginia family law and must be no longer than 2,500 words. Deadline announced annually on the section's website.

<https://bit.ly/FAWritingComp>

Health Law

Health Law Section \$2,000 & \$1,000 prizes

The competition is open to all students enrolled and in good standing during the academic year at any Virginia law school, or a law school outside Virginia as a resident of Virginia (with proof of residency). Articles must relate to a health law issue or the practice of health law. There is no minimum length, but articles should not exceed 25 pages, including end-notes. Deadline announced annually on the section's website.

<https://bit.ly/HLWritingComp>

Local Government Law Fellowship

Local Government Law Section \$4,000 prize

The section will award a fellowship to an outstanding first or second-year law student who has committed to working full-time for a minimum of 10 weeks at a Virginia local government attorney's office during the upcoming summer, or divide the fellowship between two students working full-time for a minimum of 5 weeks each. Deadline announced annually on the section's website.

https://bit.ly/LG_Fellowship

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual Property Section \$5,000 & \$2,500* prizes

Promoting academic debate and the dissemination of ideas and scholarly writing in the field of intellectual property. The competition is open to all students enrolled and in good standing during the academic year at any Virginia law school, or a law school outside Virginia as a resident of Virginia (with proof of residency). Articles must relate to an intellectual property law issue or practice. Deadline announced annually on the section's website.

<https://bit.ly/IPWritingCompetition>

* The section may award a second prize to an article of sufficient quality